

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,587
Amendment dated January 5, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 6, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are in the application and stand rejected solely on the grounds of indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for reasons stated in the Office Action. The indication in the Office Action of the claims being allowable, subject to overcoming the foregoing rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is acknowledged.

Accordingly, by this Amendment, claims 1 to 5 are specifically amended in order to correct the defects in claim 1, lines 9, 14, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27 and in claim 5, line 4, as identified in the Office Action. Also, the preambles of each of claims 1 to 5 are amended in order to more clearly identify the environment with which the claimed invention has utility.

Consequently, with the amendment to the claims herein, it is submitted that the claims now in the application are allowable and their early allowance is respectfully requested.

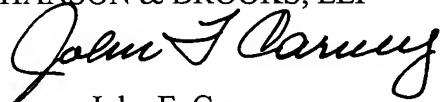
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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